Prayer to Overcome Indifference

Prayer inspired by Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Peace 2016

All too often, Lord, we turn away from the world's many problems,
which seem too big, too complex, or too far away.
Forgive us our indifference.

It is easier, Lord, to see only what is around us:
our lives, our homes, our challenges.
Forgive us our isolation.

Help us to see with your eyes:
eyes which notice one another
and help us understand.

Help us to dream your dream:
of communities that reach out and dialogue
and where diverse people creatively cooperate.

Help us to be people of solidarity and action,
so moved by prayer, encounter, and understanding
that peace can become a reality.

Amen.

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